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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Docket No.: 104560

For: PROCESS FOR ISOLATING A TARGET BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL, CAPTURE
PHASE, DETECTION PHASE AND REAGENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 16-18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 32 as follows:

- Claim 5, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 4 and 3".
- Claim 7, lines 1-2, delete "and optionally Claim 6,".
- Claim 8, line 1, delete "and/or 7".
- Claim 9, line 1, delete "and/or 7".
- Claim 11, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 10" to --Claim 1--.
- Claim 12, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 3 and 5 to 11" to --Claim 3--.
- Claim 16, line 1, delete "or 15".
- Claim 17, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 16" to --Claim 14--.
- Claim 18, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 16" to --Claim 14--.
- Claim 20, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 3 and 19".
- Claim 22, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 3 and 21".
- Claim 24, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 3 and 23".

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